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Q. PAUL, THE LEBANESE ARE ACCUSING YOU OF IMPROPER BE-
HAVIOR. HOW DO YOU PLEAD?

A. WELL, LET ME SAY JUST SOMETHING ABOUT THAT ON
BACKGROUND, IF I MIGHT.

Q. WELL, HE WASN'T ON BACKGROUND.

A. WELL, I CHOOSE TO PUT MY REMARKS ON BACKGROUND. AND
SIMPLY SAY THAT WE REGRET IF THERE ARE SUCH FEELINGS, BUT
I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT, FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THAT
IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TO MEET
FOREIGN DIGNITARIES AND HEADS OF STATE WHEN THEY ARRIVE
IN NEW YORK FOR UN PURPOSES.

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Q. PAUL, WHY IS MR. GODLEY BEING BROUGHT HOME?

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A. HE IS COMING HERE FOR CONSULTATIONS.

Q. ON THIS PARTICULAR MATTER?

A. IT WOULD RELATE TO IT, YES.

Q. DID YOU ASK HIM TO COME HOME, OR WAS HE TOLD TO GO HOME BY THE LEBANESE?

A. WELL, NO, IT WAS A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON DECISION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND AMBASSADOR GODLEY.

Q. ARE YOU STILL ON BACKGROUND?

A. NO. JUST THE FIRST PART WAS ON BACKGROUND.

Q. PAUL, YOUR BACKGROUND STATEMENT, DOES IT ADDRESS MR. FRANJIYAH'S STATEMENT THAT HE WAS TO HAVE MET WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND THAT THE MEETING WAS CANCELLED?

A. ON THAT PART OF IT, I WOULD MAKE THIS REMARK, AND THAT IS, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH WANTED TO MAINTAIN HIS PRESENCE IN THIS COUNTRY IN THE CONTEXT OF HIS MISSION TO THE UN, AND THEREFORE PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH THOUGHT IT BEST NOT TO ARRANGE A MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

Q. DID WE SEEK A MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH ORIGINALLY?

A. I WILL HAVE TO CHECK THAT. ON BACKGROUND, I THINK IT WAS BEING DISCUSSED, BUT I DON'T KNOW....

Q. DID HE WANT THE PRESIDENT TO COME TO NEW YORK?

A. NO, I DON'T THINK THAT WAS THE QUESTION.

Q. DID YOU SAY MR. GODLEY IS COMING HOME IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER FOR CONSULTATION IN CONNECTION WITH UNCLASSIFIED

THIS AFFAIR?

A. I AM SAYING THAT HE IS COMING HOME FOR CONSULTATIONS AND IF YOU ARE ASKING ME, DOES IT RELATE TO THIS MATTER, I WOULD SAY "YES, CERTAINLY."

Q. PAUL, YOUR EXPRESSION OF REGRET ON BACKGROUND, DOES THAT MEAN THAT THERE IS NO PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF REGRET

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OFFICIALLY? DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE THAT ON BACKGROUND?

A. WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF REGRET, YOU CAN SAY PUBLICLY THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT REGRETS IF THERE IS SUCH A FEELING.

Q. HOW IS IT, IN GENERAL? A HEAD OF STATE IS COMING FOR UN PURPOSES. IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE AIRPORT?

A. I THOUGHT I HAD POINTED OUT IN MY BACKGROUND STATEMENT, MY OPENING STATEMENT, THAT IT WAS CUSTOMARY FOR THE UN TO MEET THEM.

Q. YES. THIS IS A NEGATIVE. YOU WANT TO SAY THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS NOT REPRESENTED.

A. THAT IS CORRECT.

Q. WHO DOES THE PRESIDENT OF LEBANON THINK SHOULD HAVE MET HIM?

A. I'M JUST NOT CERTAIN ABOUT THAT.

Q. IS IT CAST IN THEIR PROTEST OR IN THEIR COMPLAINT? IS IT SPECIFIED THAT THE COMPLAINT IS BECAUSE NO OFFICIAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MET HIM THAT THE PROTEST OR COMPLAINT WAS LODGED?

A. ALL I HAVE SEEN ARE THE PUBLIC REMARKS WHICH HAVE COME OUT OF BEIRUT. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER TO ADD.
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Q. DID HE HAVE ANY REASON TO THINK HE WAS GOING TO BE MET BY A HIGH U.S. OFFICIAL? HAD HE ASKED FOR SUCH A MEETING OR ASKED TO BE GREETED, OR DID OUR EMBASSY INDICATE TO HIM IN BEIRUT THAT HE WAS GOING TO BE MET?

A. I JUST DON'T KNOW.

Q. HAS HE EVER BEEN HERE BEFORE?

A. I DON'T BELIEVE SO.

Q. PAUL, I AM NOT CLEAR ON THIS. YOU SAY THAT IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR UN OFFICIALS TO MEET UN DIGNITARIES. YOU SAY THE U.S. IS NOT REPRESENTED. PUT IT POSITIVELY.

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DOES THE UNITED STATES MISSION IN NEW YORK MEET THESE HEADS OF STATE WHENEVER THEY ARRIVE FOR UN OR OTHER PURPOSES? OR DON'T THEY?

A. ON BACKGROUND, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR UN OFFICIALS TO RECEIVE FOREIGN DIGNITARIES AND HEADS OF STATE COMING TO NEW YORK, AND THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATION.

Q. YOU SAID THE UN GREETS THEM, BUT WE ARE ASKING, DO WE EVER SEND A REPRESENTATIVE?

A. IF YOU ARE ASKING ME IF WE HAVE EVER SENT AN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE TO KENNEDY AIRPORT TO MEET A FOREIGN OFFICIAL, HEAD OF STATE, COMING TO THE UNITED NATIONS, I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK. I CAN'T SAY ABSOLUTELY THAT AT SOME TIME IN THE PAST THAT THAT DID NOT OCCUR.

Q. THAT IS A VERY IMPORTANT POINT, YOU KNOW. I CAN REMEMBER THAT A HEAD OF STATE OF A VERY SMALL COUNTRY CALLED THE SOVIET UNION CAME TO THIS COUNTRY FOR THE UN IN 1960 AND THERE WAS NOBODY THERE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Q. PAUL, ISN'T IT CUSTOMARY WHEN THE HEAD OF A STATE IS UNCLASSIFIED

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COMING TO THIS COUNTRY, FOR THE U.S. AMBASSADOR SENT TO THAT COUNTRY TO COME BACK FOR CONSULTATIONS AT THAT TIME?

A. NORMALLY WHAT OCCURS IS THAT WHEN A HEAD OF STATE IS COMING TO THE UNITED STATES ON A STATE VISIT OR AN OFFICIAL VISIT, THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THAT COUNTRY WILL COME BACK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VISIT. THAT IS THE NORMAL PRACTICE.

Q. BUT IT WAS --

A. THAT DOES NOT APPLY TO THE UN.

Q. IT WAS ANTICIPATED THEN THAT THIS WOULD BE STRICTLY A UN AFFAIR BY THE PRESIDENT OF LEBANON.

A. THIS WAS HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS, THAT IS CORRECT.

Q. WE KNEW THAT IN ADVANCE THAT HE HAD PLANNED TO MAKE THIS STRICTLY A UN VISIT?

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A. HE WAS COMING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING THE UNITED NATIONS, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE UNITED NATIONS' DEBATE ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION.

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